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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Atty. Suzin Bailey Reg. No. 40,495 on 6/12/2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 15, line 3, --a container including—has been inserted prior to "two microperforated sheets" and in line 11, "device" has been deleted and –container—inserted therefor.

In claim 22, line 1, "device of claim 15 as implemented with" has been deleted and –method of claim 11, wherein said air is provided to or received from—has been inserted therefor.

In claim 23, line 1, "device of claim 15 as implemented with" has been deleted and –method of claim 11, wherein the air is provided by—has been inserted therefor.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the closest prior art of record fails to teach or suggest the combination of crystals of mineral salts and fragmented elements of plant origin from the group consisting of clove, thyme or both clove and thyme, layered within an air treatment device as claimed in the

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independent claims. Essential oils of cloves and thyme are recognized in the art, however, the fragments plant elements are not suggested.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Krisanne Jastrzab whose telephone number is 571-272-1279. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Thurs. 6:00am-4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gladys Corcoran can be reached on 571-272-1214. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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